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LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS

O. H. Hubbard, Town Clerk
" " Town Treasurer

SELECTMEN

W. H. Adams C. C. Plimpton
C. H. Blake

ROAD AGENTS

A. S. Thayer Hunter C. Kingsbury
Peter J. LaBounty

A. P. Wright Tax Collector

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

F. A. Wilder James Davis
George E. Downing

AUDITORS

John A. Smith Fred A. Wilder

POLICE

Carroll C. Plimpton John Platyner

Frank E. Smith Overseer of Poor

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Gilsum, in the County of Cheshire, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at town hall in said Gilsum on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3. To see if the town will appoint a committee to look after the observance of Memorial Day and appropriate money for same.

4. To see if the town will take any action in regard to a soldiers' memorial tablet and appropriate money for same.

5. To see if the town will take any action in regard to better fire protection and appropriate money for same.

6. To see if the town will take any action in regard to purchasing a safe to keep town records in and appropriate money for same.

7. To see if the town will vote to instruct the collector to collect all taxes and pay into town treasury on or before Jan. 31, 1921.

8. To see if the town will take any action in regard to the observance of Old Home Week and appropriate money for same.

9. To see if the town will take any action in regard to state aid construction and appropriate money for same.

10. To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of town officers.

11. To allow accounts.

12. To see if the town will take any action in regard to the white pine blister rust and appropriate money for same.

Given under our hands and seal, this seventeenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty.

W. H. ADAMS,
C. C. PLIMPTON,
Selectmen of Gilsum

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

W. H. ADAMS,
C. C. PLIMPTON,
Selectmen of Gilsum

SUMMARY INVENTORY

110 Polls,	
Land and Buildings,	$210,076 00
127 Horses,	13,085 00
2 Mules,	275 00
6 Oxen,	928 00
141 Cows,	10,132 00
31 Neat Stock,	1,806 00
25 Sheep,	250 00
8 Hogs,	235 00
40 Fowls,	50 00
26 Vehicles and Automobiles,	7,142 00
5 Portable Mills,	1,758 00
Wood and Lumber,	5,377 00
Stock in Public Funds,	2,450 00
National Bank Stock,	4,805 00
Money on hand,	3,122 00
Stock in trade,	10,125 00
Mills and Machinery,	400 00
	$272,016 00

EXEMPTIONS

Soldiers' exemption,	7,456 00
Exemption by vote of town,	17,300 00
	$24,756 00

AMOUNT OF TAXES AND RATES

Committed to collector,	$9,415 29
Tax rate per $100,	3 34

APPROPRIATIONS

Town Officers,	$500 00
Highways and Bridges,	1,000 00
Libraries,	75 00
Memorial Day,	15 00
State Tax,	1,144 00
County Tax,	400 00
To Pay Town Notes,	900 00
Fire Department,	100 00
Town Poor,	160 00
Trunk Line Maintenance,	1,000 00
Interest on Town Notes,	318 34
Insurance,	10 00
Necessary Town Charges,	500 00
White Pine Blister,	125 00
Purchase of J. Smith Barn,	150 00
Street Lights,	200 00
State Aid,	370 50
	$6,967 84
School Appropriations,	1,710 00
	$8,677 84

LIABILITIES

Note of Walter L. Maloney,	payable	Jan. 31,	1921,	$400 00
" Adaline M. Bates Est.,	"	"	1921,	591 51
" Frank W. Roundy,	"	"	1922,	618 60
" Jennie C. Kingsbury,	"	"	1922,	300 00
" John H. Laing,	"	"	1923,	600 00
" Annie L. Adams,	"	"	1923,	300 00
" Annie L Adams,	"	"	1924,	300 00
" Frank W. Roundy,	"	"	1924,	600 00
" Mary A. Hammond,	"	"	1925,	500 00
" Effie J. Wilder,	"	"	1925,	350 38

Note of Caroline O. Nash,	payable Jan. 31,	1926,	$101 40
" Eleanor Gravlin,	" "	1926,	230 25
" Emma I. Downing,	" "	1926,	200 00
" Emma I. Downing,	" "	1827,	112 84
" Ruth Bingham,	" "	1927,	200 00
" John H. Laing,	" "	1927,	300 00

Notes of trustees of trust funds, 6% :

D. W. Bill, cemetery fund,	payable Jan. 31,	1928,	400 00
K. D. Webster, " "	" "	1928,	22 40
School fund,	" "	1928,	300 00
			$6,427 38
Estimated due town officers,			350 00
			$6,777 38
Assets, look on report to tax commission,			4,840 90
Total debt, 1920,			$1,936 48

BILLS ALLOWED BY VOTE OF TOWN

Minott Press,	$64 75
O. H. Hubbard,	79 50
W. H. Adams,	99 30
C. C. Plimpton,	81 00
Chas. H. Blake,	60 00
John A. Smith,	3 00
F. A. Wilder,	3 00
H. C. Kingsbury,	18 00
Leon A. Wright,	18 00
Ben E. Guillow,	18 00
J. E. Isham,	5 00
Henry P. Wellman,	3 50
	$453 05

New Hampshire State Tax Commission

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

Town of Gilsum, Cheshire Co.

For the Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1920

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Feb. 1, 1920.

W. H. ADAMS,
C. C. PLIMPTON,
C. H. BLAKE,
Selectmen

O. H. HUBBARD, Treasurer

ASSETS

CASH:	
In hands of treasurer,	$2,685 29
In hands of street light committee,	16 14
In hands of Fearless Fire Engine Co.,	83
SINKING FUNDS:	
Deed Gilbert Guillow farm,	600 00
Water right bought for taxes,	17 40
Other property bought for taxes,	463 81
Joint highway accounts, unexpended balances in state treasury,	13 29
Trunk line maintenance,	855 65
Due from county,	80 00

Due from town hall committee,	$5 00
Taxes not collected: Levy of 1918,	75 44
Total assets,	$4,840 90
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt),	1,936 48
Grand total,	$6,777 38
Net debt Jan. 31, 1919,	3,874 97
Net debt Jan. 31, 1920,	1,936 48
Decrease of debt,	1,838 49

LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS OWED BY THE TOWN:	
Due town officers, estimated,	$350 00
LONG TERM NOTES OUTSTANDING:	
Town hall and state road,	5,704 98
TRUST FUNDS, AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL USED BY TOWN:	
School fund,	300 00
D. W. Bill cemetery fund,	400 00
K. D. Webster cemetery fund,	22 40
Total liabilities,	$6,777 38

RECEIPTS

CURRENT REVENUE:		
From Local Taxes:		
Amount committed to collector, 1919,	$9,451 58	
Less discounts and abatements, 1919,	99 64	
Property and poll taxes, current year, actually collected,		$9,351 94
Uncollected taxes of previous years,	1,741 69	
Less abatements of previous years' taxes,	33 80	
Less uncollected taxes of previous years,	75 44	
Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected,		1,632 45
		$10,984 39
Tax sales redeemed,		205 18

From State:		
For trunk line maintenance,	$3,810 74	
Insurance tax,	3 75	
Railroad tax,	40	
Savings bank tax,	209 29	
State aid for education,	289 00	
Fighting forest fires,	2 25	
Bounties,	31 00	
From County:		
For support of poor,	200 00	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Dog licenses,	57 00	
Rent of town hall,	142 00	
Interest received on taxes,	71 69	
Income from trust funds,	38 77	
Permits for registration motor vehicles,	106 43	
Sale cemetery lot,	1 00	
Cheshire County Auto Association,	10 00	
		$5,178 50
Total receipts,		$16,162 89
Cash on hand at beginning of year, Feb. 1, 1919,		1,474 20
Grand total,		$17,637 09

PAYMENTS

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:

Town officers' salaries,	$517 97
Town officers' expenses,	117 02
Expenses town hall and other town buildings,	96 46
Police department, including care of tramps,	12 15
Fire department, including forest fires,	103 05
Moth extermination,	125 00
Bounties,	31 00
Vital statistics,	3 25

Trunk line maintenance,		$6,025 86
Town maintenance,		1,023 79
Street lighting and sprinkling,		100 00
Libraries,		78 68
Town poor,		156 00
County poor,		260 00
Aid to G. A. R. and Memorial Day exercises,		3 75
Cemeteries, including hearse hire,		20 00
Taxes bought by town,		463 81
Barn purchased by town,		150 00
Rebate to tax collector,		2 11
INTEREST:		
Paid on long-term notes,		312 12
INDEBTEDNESS:		
Payments on long-term notes,		1,150 00
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:		
Taxes paid to state,	1,144 00	
Taxes paid to county,	642 70	
Payments to school districts,	2,413 08	
Total payments to other governmental divisions,		4,199 78
Total payments for all purposes,		$14,951 80
Cash on hand at end of year, Jan. 31, 1920,		2,685 29
Grand total,		$17,637 09

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Cash in treasury, Feb. 1, 1919,	$1,474 20
Dana D. Wilder, collector, tax 1917,	38 24
A. D. Wright, collector, tax 1918,	1,649 40
A. D. Wright, collector, tax 1919,	9,368 44
Tax sales redemption,	205 18
Trunk line maintenance,	3,810 74
Cheshire county, support of poor,	200 00
Dog licenses,	57 00
Trustee trust funds, interest on cemetery funds,	38 77
Cheshire County Auto Association,	10 00
Forest fire commission,	2 25
Insurance tax,	3 75
Railroad tax,	40
Savings Bank tax,	209 29
State aid for education,	289 00
Bounties on hedgehogs and wildcats,	31 00
Permits for registration motor vehicles,	106 43
Town hall,	142 00
Sale cemetery lot,	1 00
	$17,637 09

Expenditures

Paid out by order of selectmen,	$14,951 80
Balance in treasury, Feb. 1, 1920,	$2,685 29

Respectfully submitted,

O. H. HUBBARD, Treasurer

REPORT OF HIGHWAYS

A. L. THAYER, Agent

Week ending March 22:		
Gustave Lassman,	4 hours,	$1 33
Alfred Seaver,	4½ "	1 50
A. L. Thayer,	4½ "	1 50
Week ending April 19:		
A. L. Thayer, team,	9 "	7 00
A. L. Thayer, fixing culvert,	4½ "	1 50
Week ending April 26:		
A. L. Thayer,	18 "	14 00
W. H. Adams, picking stone,	13½ "	4 50
Theodore Nichols,	9 "	3 00
A. A. Blodgett, gravel, 7 loads,		35
Week ending May 3:		
A. L. Thayer, team,	35 "	27 22
W. H. Adams,	9 "	3 00
Austin Smith, gravel, 8 loads,		40
Week ending May 10:		
A. L. Thayer and team,	5 "	3 89
Alfred Nichols, fixing culvert,	2 "	67
Week ending May 17:		
A. L. Thayer, team,	23 "	16 34
A. Nichols, fixing culverts,	2 "	66
Otto Lassman,	11 "	3 06
A. L. Thayer,	2 "	66
E. Karr,	2 "	66
Austin Smith, 18 loads of gravel,		90
Week ending May 24:		
A. L. Thayer, team,	36 "	28 00
Stanley Osborne,	34 "	11 31
Theodore Nichols,	9 "	3 00
Alfred Seaver,	1 "	2 50

A. L. Thayer, truck, carting,	6 hours,	$10 00
Austin Smith, gravel, 20 loads,		1 00
A. A. Blodgett, gravel, 17 loads,		85
Week ending May 31:		
A. L. Thayer, truck, carting,	27 "	45 00
Stanley Osborne,	12 "	4 00
Alfred Seaver,	27 "	9 00
Henry Howard, grading, 16 loads,		80
Week ending June 7:		
A. L. Thayer, truck,	3 "	5 00
Alfred Seaver,	3 "	1 00
Theodore Nichols,	2 "	67
Thayer team,	2 "	1 56
Week ending June 14:		
Densil Miller,	9 "	3 00
Alfred Seaver, fixing bridge,	9 "	3 00
W. Adams, fixing bridge,	4½ "	1 50
Thayer truck,	4½ "	7 50
Adams & Ballou, timber for bridge,		5 88
Week ending June 21:		
A. L Thayer, truck,	4½ "	7 50
Alfred Seaver,	4½ "	1 50
Week ending July 20:		
Alfred Seaver, fixing culvert,	4½ "	1 50
John Guillow, fixing Nash Corner hill and bridge,	45 hours,	15 00
A. L. Thayer, fixing bars and culverts, 4½ hours,		1 50
Henry Howard, gravel, 5 loads,		25
Week ending Aug. 28:		
A. L. Thayer, team,	9 hours,	7 00
Theodore Nichols,	9 "	3 00
Week ending Jan. 3, 1920:		
Gustave Lassman, cutting out ditches, 23 hours,		7 50
		$281 46

W. H. ADAMS

Week ending Aug. 30:		
W. H. Adams,	27 hours,	$7 50

Clifford Banks, team,	27 hours,	$21 00
Carl B. Wilson,	22 "	17 16
Woodbury Corey,	22½ "	7 50
Grant Corey,	9 "	3 00
Leon White,	22½ "	7 50
Chas. Blake,	18 "	6 00
Roy Nevers,	18 "	6 00
Week ending Sept. 6:		
W. H. Adams,	9 "	2 50
Clifford Banks, team,	9 "	7 00
Carl B. Wilson,	9 "	7 00
Woodbury Corey,	9 "	3 00
Grant Corey,	9 "	3 00
Leon White,	9 "	3 00
		$382 62

PETER J. LABOUNTY, Agent

Week ending March 28:		
Peter J. LaBounty,	2 hours,	$ 67
Week ending April 4:		
Peter J. LaBounty,	4½ "	1 50
Week ending April 12:		
Peter J. LaBounty,	24 "	8 00
P. J. LaBounty, Jr.,	25 "	19 45
F. P. Sinclair,	24 "	8 00
P. J. LaBounty, labor on drag,	5 "	1 67
W. E. Wilson, labor on drag,	2 "	1 00
W. E. Wilson, lumber,		1 00
Knowlton & Stone, iron and bolts,		3 76
Week ending April 19:		
P. J. LaBounty,	18½ "	6 17
P. J. LaBounty, Jr., team,	18½ "	14 39
F. P. Sinclair,	18½ "	6 17
Jehiel White, gravel,		20
Jehiel White, 10 lbs. of spikes,		70
Week ending May 3:		
P. J. LaBounty,	18 "	6 00

P. J. LaBounty, Jr.,	18 hours,	$14 00
F. P. Sinclair,	18 "	6 00
Week ending May 10:		
P. J. LaBounty,	15½ "	5 17
P. J. LaBounty, Jr.,	15½ "	12 06
F. P. Sinclair,	15½ "	5 17
Week ending May 31:		
P. J. LaBounty,	9 "	3 00
P. J. LaBounty, Jr., team,	9 "	7 00
F. P. Sinclair,	9 "	3 00
Week ending June 21:		
P. J. LaBounty,	13 "	4 33
P. J. LaBounty, team,	13 "	10 12
F. P. Sinclair,	13 "	4 33
Fred Smith, 365 feet railing, 14 posts,		5 00
Week ending July 12:		
P. J. LaBounty, Jr., team,	5 "	3 90
F. P. Sinclair,	5 "	1 67
Week ending Aug. 9:		
Peter J. LaBounty,	4½ "	1 50
P. J. LaBounty, Jr.,	4½ "	2 25
F. P. Sinclair,	4½ "	1 50
Week ending Aug. 23:		
P. J. LaBounty,	4½ "	1 50
P. J. LaBounty, Jr.,	4½ "	2 25
F. P. Sinclair,	4½ "	1 50
Week ending Aug. 30:		
P. J. LaBounty,	4½ "	1 50
P. J. LaBounty, Jr., team,	4 "	3 11
P. J. LaBounty,	3 "	99
F. P. Sinclair,	7 "	2 33
W. E. Wilson,	3 "	99
Week ending Sept. 6:		
Peter J. LaBounty,	2 "	1 55
Spikes,		70
Week ending Oct. 4:		
Peter J. LaBounty,	8 "	2 67
P. J. LaBounty, Jr.,	8 "	4 00

Week ending Dec. 6:		
Peter J. LaBounty, Jr.,	6 hours,	$3 00
Ora D. Bridge, work on road,		4 66
		$199 43

HUNTER C. KINGSBURY, Agent

Week ending April 26:		
H. C. Kingsbury,	4 hours,	$1 33
H. C. Kingsbury, team,		3 11
Grant Corey,	13 "	4 33
Week ending May 10:		
H. C. Kingsbury,	4 "	3 11
W. Corey,	4 "	1 33
C. H. Blodgett,	5 "	1 67
Week ending May 17:		
H. C. Kingsbury,	18 "	14 00
W. Corey,	18 "	6 00
Week ending May 24:		
H. C. Kingsbury,	9 "	7 00
W. Corey,	9 "	3 00
G. H. Howard,	2 "	1 00
Week ending May 31:		
W. Corey,	3½ "	1 17
Week ending June 7:		
H. C. Kingsbury,	18 "	14 00
W. Plimpton,	18 "	6 00
J. White,	18 "	6 00
Week ending June 14:		
H. C. Kingsbury,	54 "	42 00
W. Plimpton,	49½ "	16 50
J. White,	54 "	18 00
C. C. Banks,	18 "	6 00
Week ending June 21:		
H. C. Kingsbury,	27 "	21 00
J. White,	27 "	9 00
C. C. Banks,	27 "	9 00
Week ending June 28:		
H. C. Kingsbury, team,	2 "	1 56

G. L. Nevers,	2 hours,	$0 67
H. C. Kingsbury,	2 "	67
Louis LePage,	11 "	3 67
H. C. Kingsbury, bolts for road drag,		1 10
Week ending Aug. 9:		
H. C. Kingsbury,	11½ "	8 95
E. W. Kingsbury,	11½ "	3 84
Week ending Sept. 6:		
W. Plimpton,	3 "	1 00
Week ending Nov. 8:		
H. C. Kingsbury,	9 "	7 00
W. H. Adams,	9 "	3 00
Week ending Nov. 29:		
H. C. Kingsbury,	36 "	28 00
G. R. Cuthbert,	36 "	12 00
Matt. Whitten,	27 "	9 00
W. H. Adams,	4½ "	1 50
W. H. Adams, team,	4½ "	2 25
Week ending Dec. 6:		
H. C. Kingsbury,	22½ "	17 50
G. R. Cuthbert,	27 "	9 00
Matt. Whitten,	27 "	9 00
W. H. Adams, team,	9 "	4 50
H. C. Kingsbury, 10 posts,		2 00
H. C. Kingsbnry, 140 feet of poles,		2 80
F. A. Wilder, 9 lbs. of spikes,		63
F. P. Crain, 7 loads of gravel,		70
		$324 89

OTHER ROAD BILLS

Henry Wellman, turning water out of road,	$3 50
Adams & Ballou, 3,400 feet of 3-in. bridge plank,	95 20
Phin. M. Wright, work on drag and sharpening picks,	5 15
O. H. Hubbard, storing roller, tool chest, plow, etc.,	7 00
Frank E. Smith, storing road scraper,	4 00
Frank E. Smith, cutting ice out of water trough,	2 00
	$116 85

REPORT OF STREET LIGHT COMMITTEE

RECEIPTS

Orders drawn on town treasury,	$100 00
Gasoline sold,	84
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1919,	4 06
	$104 90

EXPENDITURES

Tide Water Oil Corp., gasoline,	$41 02
Best Light Co., supplies,	30 50
A. L. Thayer, freight,	3 46
Express,	3 58
O. O. Cross, lighting,	10 20
Balance in hands of committee,	16 14
	$104 90
Supplies on hand,	75 00

A. D. WRIGHT, Street Light Committee

REPORT OF

FEARLESS FIRE ENGINE CO.

Balance in treasury Feb. 1, 1919,	$0 70
Appropriation,	90 00
	$90 70
Paid out on roll call,	89 87
Balance in treasury Feb. 1, 1920,	$ 83

FRANK E. SMITH, Foreman

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

1918. Taxes uncollected Jan. 31, 1919,	$1,681 99
Error in copying,	58
	$1,682 57
Interest collected,	54 01
	$1,736 58
Taxes abated,	$11 74
Not collected,	75 44
Paid town treasurer,	1,649 40
	$1,736 58
1919. Taxes assessed April, 1919,	$9,415 29
Error in copying,	11
	$9,415 18
Special assessments,	36 40
Interest collected,	16 50
	$9,468 08
Taxes discounted,	$63 58
Taxes abated,	36 06
Paid town treasurer,	9,368 44
	$9,468 08

A. D. WRIGHT,
Collector

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR

TOWN POOR

Paid for support of Mrs. Daniel Howard,	$156 00
Care of 10 tramps,	5 15
	$161 15
Received of town to balance,	$161 15

COUNTY POOR

Paid for support of Mrs. Winifred Blake and children,	$280 00
Received of county,	200 00
Balance due from county,	$80 00

FRANK E. SMITH,
Overseer of Poor

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

To rent of hall from Feb. 25 to Mar. 4, 1919,	$6 50

EXPENDITURES

For oil and supplies for gasoline lamps,	$6 50

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Town Hall Committee

FROM MAR. 25, 1919, TO FEB. 1, 1920

RECEIPTS

Alfred Nichols,	$44 00
Young people's club,	25 50
Pomlow,	11 00
Wellman party,	1 00
Wilson party,	4 00
Louis Pollard,	6 00
Grange,	30 00
Band,	4 00
Jolly Six,	5 00
Tiffin party,	5 00
	$135 50
Due from Grange for January, 1920,	5 00
	$140 50

Hall has been used free for community meetings and reception of boys' homecoming, Decoration, etc.

EXPENDITURES

George Howard, 2 cords wood,	$14 00
Henry Howard, 1 cord wood,	8 00
Cliff. Lewis, sawing wood,	4 50
Albert Adams, 1¾ cords slabs,	3 50
Solomon Champaign, drawing wood,	3 00
F. O. Mason, tuning piano,	3 00
Leon Wright, putting in wood,	2 00
Kerosene,	6 75
Gasoline,	4 32
Chimneys, globe, floor wax, mantles, etc.,	13 05
M. E. Starkey, janitor,	23 00
	$85 12
Turned over to W. H. Adams, Sept. 18,	39 65
Balance on hand Feb. 1,	10 73
Due from Grange Feb. 1,	5 00
	$140 50

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. STARKEY,

Hall Committee

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Morgans of Keene have given our Library a large number of books, also Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Townsend and Mr. Renshaw of our own town, the W. C. T. U. one, while Mrs. Gleason and Dr. Hubbard have given a number of magazines, and the trustees have purchased quite a number.

H. W. SMITH, Librarian

TRUSTEES	Term expires
Mary J. Collins,	1920
Bessie G. Adams,	1920
Mrs. Jehial White,	1920
Helen J. Hayward,	1921
Charles H. Blake,	1921
Orren O. Cross,	1921
Dr. O. H. Hubbard,	1922
Mary A. Hammond,	1922
Mary A. Wright,	1922

We wish to call the attention of the trustees, both the old and newly elected ones, to the fact that there is an annual meeting of Library Trustees on the Saturday evening following the town meeting, and it is desired that as many as possible will attend it at the Library at 8:30.

There has been no meeting of the trustees for the past two years, possibly because they were unaware of the meeting being an annual one without special notice.

HELEN SMITH, Secretary of Trustees

Treasurer's Report of Gilsum Public Library

Cash on hand Feb. 6, 1919,	$16 20
Appropriation,	75 00
Fines and sales,	3 05
	$94 25
Librarian's salary,	$50 00
Books and magazines,	16 20
Cash on hand Feb. 4, 1920,	28 05
	$94 25

HELEN J. HAYWARD, Treasurer

REPORT OF CEMETERIES

Work on Centennial Cemetery,	$5 00
Work on Village Cemetery,	5 00
Work on East Cemetery,	5 00
Work on Vessel Rock Cemetery,	5 00
	$20 00
Received from town,	$20 00
Paid over to town for lot sold,	1 00

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, Supt. Centennial Cemetery
WILLIAM H. ADAMS, Supt. Village Cemetery
JOHN GUILLOW, Supt. East Cemetery
HOSEA WELLMAN, Supt. Vessel Rock Cemetery

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

GILSUM, N. H.

For Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1920

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Feb. 1, 1920.

JAMES DAVIS,
FRED A. WILDER,
Trustees

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agents, Street Light Committee, Overseer of the Poor, Supt. of Cemeteries, Librarian, Town Hall Committee and Trustees of Trust Funds and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRED A. WILDER,
JOHN H. LAING,
Auditors

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GILSUM, N. H.

ON FEBRUARY 1, 1920

DATE OF CREATION	TRUST FUNDS PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL	RATE OF INTEREST	INCOME DURING YEAR	EXPENDED DURING YEAR
1798	Minister Fund	Used by the Town				
	For School purposes	Trustees have Town notes	$300.00	6 per ct.	$18.00	$18.00
1900	Daniel W. Bill, donor					
	For Cemeteries	Trustees have Town notes	400.00	6 per ct.	24.00	24.00
1906	Kimball D. Webster, donor					
	For Cemeteries		22.40	6 per ct.	1.34	1.34
1914	Charles W. Rawson, donor					
	For Cemeteries	Cheshire County Savings Bank	100.00	4 per ct.	4.04	4.04
1916	Otis H. Kingsbury, donor	Savings Bank of Walpole				
	For Cemeteries		100.00	4 per ct.		
	For School purposes		200.00	4 per ct.	18.36	18.36
1918	Myron W. Adams, donor	Cheshire County Savings Bank				
	For Cemeteries		75.00	4 per ct.	3.27	3.27

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GILSUM

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year, Feb. 1, 1920, to Jan. 31, 1921, compared with

Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year, Feb. 1, 1919, to Jan. 31, 1920

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Actual Revenue Previous Year, 1919	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year, 1920	Increase	Decrease
FROM STATE:				
Insurance Tax,	$3 75	$3 75		
Railroad Tax,	40	40		
Savings Bank Tax.	209 29	200 00		9 29
For Fighting Forest Fires,	2 25	2 25		
For Trunk Line Maintenance,	3,000 00	3,750 00	750 00	
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:				
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings,	142 00	100 00		42 00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits,	71 69	20 00		51 69
Sale Cemetery Lot,	1 00			
Cheshire Co. Auto Association,	10 00			
Trustees Trust Funds, Interest on Cemetery Funds,	38 77	38 77		
FROM POLL TAXES,	324 00	575 00	251 00	
Dog Tax,	57 00	57 00		
State Aid Education,	289 00	259 00		30 00
PERMITS FOR REGISTRATION MOTOR VEHICLES,	106 43	250 00	143 57	
Total Revenues from All Sources except Property Taxes,	$4,460 76	$5,256 17	$1,144 57	$132 98
Amount Raised by Property Taxes,	10,660 39			
Total Revenues,	$15,121 15			

Budget of the Town of Gilsum—*Continued*

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Actual Expenditures Previous Year, 1919	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year, 1920	Increase	Decrease
Town Officers' Salaries,	$517 97	$600 00	$82 03	
Town Officers' Expenses,	117 02	125 00	7 98	
Care and Supplies, Town Hall,	96 46	100 00	3 54	
Police Department,	12 15	15 00	2 85	
Fire Department,	103 05	100 00		
Moth Extermination: Pine Blister,	125 00			125 00
Vital Statistics,	3 25	10 00	6 75	
Trunk Line Maintenance:				
State's Contribution,	3,000 00	3,750 00	750 00	
Town's Contribution,	1,000 00	1,250 00	250 00	
Town Maintenance,	1,023 79	1,000 00		23 79
Street Lighting,	100 00	200 00	100 00	
Libraries,	78 68	75 00		
Town Poor,	156 00	156 00		
Memorial Day and other celebrations,	3 75	10 00	6 25	
Cemeteries,	20 00	20 00		
Interest on Long-term Notes,	268 78	228 20		40 58
Interest on Principal of Trust Funds used by the Town,	43 34	43 34		
New Buildings:				
J. Smith Barn,	150 00			150 00
Payment on Principal of Debt, Long-term Notes,	1,150 00	991 51		158 49
State Taxes,	1,144 00	1,144 00		
County Taxes,	642 70	672 70		
Payments to School Districts, including Dog Licenses and State Aid,	2,413 08	2,000 00		413 08
Total Expenditures,	$12,198 23	$12,490 75	$1,209 40	$910 94

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL DISTRICT

IN THE TOWN OF GILSUM, N. H.

For the Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 1919

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

EFFIE R. HUBBARD

Sept. 1, 1919.

CURRENT REVENUE:

Literary fund,	$45 50
For support of schools, high school tuition,	245 50
Town tax for schools,	1,702 22
Dog licenses,	58 20
Tuitions received,	2 00
Income from local trust funds,	9 00
Total current revenue,	$2,062 42
General fund cash on hand Sept. 1, 1918,	000 00
Grand total,	$2,062 42

ORDINARY CURRENT EXPENSES:

Administration:		
Salaries of school board,	$60 00	
Salaries of other district officers,	7 00	
Other expenses of administration,	4 04	
		$71 04
Instruction:		
Principal's and regular teachers' salaries,	1,233 75	
High school and academy tuition,	165 00	
Text-books and pupils' supplies,	37 10	
		1,435 85
Operation, Maintenance of School Plant:		
Janitor service,	$73 00	
Fuel,	98 12	
Building and janitors' supplies,	39 93	
Minor repairs of buildings, upkeep of grounds,	39 76	
Other expenses of operation and maintenance,	2 00	
		252 81
Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:		
Transportation of pupils,		247 75
New equipment,		22 84
Total expenses and outlay for all purposes,		$2,030 29
General fund cash on hand August 31, 1919,		32 13
Grand total,		$2,062 42
Assets, August 31, 1919:		
Cash on hand,	$32 13	
Value of securities,	500 00	
Total assets,		$532 13
Excess of assets over liabilities,		532 13

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the school board and treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN H. LAING,
Auditor

Inventory of School District Property

	Lands and Buildings	Equipment
Village school house and land,	$1,575 00	$200 00
Brick school house,	200 00	50 00
Vessel Rock school house,	25 00	
South school house,	200 00	25 00
Total,	$2,000 00	$275 00

SCHOOL BUDGET

From September 1, 1920, to August 31, 1921

For support of schools, including teachers, fuel, transportation, incidental repairs, not exceeding 5% of school money,		$3,820 00
For salaries of school officers,		94 00
For flags and appurtenances,		7 50
For payment tuition to high schools,		135 00
		$4,256 50
Estimate of amount $5.00 tax on 1920 inventory,	$1,325 00	
Estimate of additional income from dog licenses, interest on school funds, and qualified teachers,	205 00	
		$1,530 00
Additional funds required,		2,726 50
		$4,256 50
Amount of per capita tax, estimated,		180 00

Effie R. Hubbard
Hunter Livingston
Bernice Wright

REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER

September 1, 1918, to August 31, 1919

RECEIPTS

Received from selectmen, balance 1918 appropriation,	$1,562 22
Received from selectmen, dog licenses, 1918,	58 20
Received from selectmen, literary fund,	45 50
Received from selectmen, state aid for education,	245 50
Received from selectmen, special appropriation,	140 00
Trustees trust funds, interest on school fund,	9 00
Received from town of Sullivan, tuition,	2 00
	$2,062 42

EXPENDITURES

Paid school board orders,	$2,030 29
Balance in treasury Sept. 1, 1919,	$32 13

Respectfully submitted,

O. H. HUBBARD,

Treasurer

STATEMENT OF SCHOOL TREASURER

September 1, 1919, to January 31, 1920

Cash in treasury Sept. 1, 1919,	$33 13
Received from selectmen, appropriation,	1,755 08
Received from selectmen, state supervision,	172 00
Received from selectmen, dog licenses,	57 00
Trustees trust funds, interest on school fund,	18 00
Trustees trust funds, interest on Kingsbury fund,	12 24
State aid for qualified teachers,	124 00
State, tuition rebate,	165 00
Total receipts,	$2,335 45
Paid school board orders,	2,249 13
Cash in treasury Jan. 31, 1920,	$86 32
Outstanding orders,	69 59
Balance Jan. 31, 1920,	$16 73

O. H. HUBBARD,
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Marlboro, N. H., Jan. 31, 1920.

To the School Board and Citizens of Gilsum:

I submit my first annual report as Superintendent of Schools. I will first make brief mention of the educational program in the state and the new school law which went into effect September 1, 1919, and then call attention to some of the most important needs and problems that require your immediate attention and action.

In his address at the School Board Conference in Concord last October, Governor Bartlett said, among other things,—"To equalize school opportunities, and then to raise that equalized level, has been the thought uppermost in my mind in recommending and stimulating a revision of the school laws. . . . The sunlight of education must shadow no dark spots. It must shine with equal cheer and clearness in the poor kitchens under the far-off hills as in the rich and affluent centers."

The purpose of the new law is to make such equalization effective. By this law an organization is provided which is to administer the school affairs of the state on ordinary business principles. State-wide supervision is made compulsory, and provision is made for standardizing all the schools of the state. A standard school is defined as "one (1) maintained for at least thirty-six weeks in each year, (2) in a suitable and sanitary building, (3) equipped with approved furniture, books, maps and other necessary appli-

ances, (4) taught by an approved teacher, (5) directed and supervised by an approved superintendent (6) with suitable provision for the health and physical welfare of all pupils." The law also provides for state aid to towns in which a tax of $5 on $1000 of valuation does not yield sufficient money for maintaining such standard schools.

Such powers are given the State Board and its officers as are necessary to secure a degree of uniformity in procedure and in standards that will insure equality of opportunity to all the children in the state, and the duties of the superintendents in directing and supervising the work of the schools are defined; but the management of all school business in the districts is vested in the local school boards, with power to select the superintendent, teachers and other employees of the district, and to determine their salaries.

Among the requirements for a standard school, noted above, the fourth is now the most difficult to meet throughout the state, because of the shortage of teachers. Reliable information shows us that some twenty-two percent of the teachers of the country have quit teaching in the past year. While there are many causes for this condition it is generally agreed that the chief reason is inadequate pay, and any measures that may be taken to recruit teachers, especially for the rural districts, will fail unless considerably increased wages are paid. I do not mean to imply that we should appropriate more money for teachers' salaries and then pay it to incompetent or poorly trained teachers, but we must be ready to pay the price when good teachers can be secured. If the district at its March meeting will vote an amount of money sufficient to cover a substantial increase in teachers' salaries the school board will then be in a position to retain good teachers longer, and to take advantage of the first opportunity to secure well trained and competent teachers when changes have to be made.

Next to the need for increased salaries for good teachers, the most important problem is that of making the school buildings "suitable and sanitary." In preparing the

budgets to be submitted at the March school meeting, we shall need to make a careful estimate of the cost of such alterations as may be needed to make the schoolhouses conform to the requirements prescribed by the State Board of Education. These alterations cannot be stated in full detail until the Board issues the revised and final regulations, but we know that among the requirements will be the following :—

1. Provision for windows on the pupils' left hand, or left and rear, only, and in area equal to at least one-fifth of the floor area of the school room ; walls and ceilings painted or tinted a light color ; and light colored curtains.

2. A jacketed heater with some provision for drawing fresh air from outside, and means of securing good ventilation without direct drafts on the pupils.

3. Floors put in good condition and oiled or treated in some other manner to keep down the dust.

4. New or remodeled outhouses, opening from the school room or at least from within the school building and not opening from outside, with properly ventilated, fly-proof vaults and covered seats.

5. Good furniture and equipment.

6. Better facilities for washing, with soap and sanitary towels.

It is unfortunate that the action of the special district meeting did not prove to be legal so that much of the work that was then planned could be done at the Christmas vacation. However the work at the Village school can now be more specifically laid out and cost can be determined more accurately than was possible then, and no doubt the district at the March meeting will show the same generosity as at the special meeting and appropriate the money needed.

I would call attention also to the problems of transportation of pupils. That is an item of considerable expense and we should make an effort to discover a way to provide for the children who live at a distance that will be more economical. It may be that the children in the Belvidere

district and in the West part of the town could be brought together or all brought to the Village school at less expense than is now involved in their transportation and the cost of the two schools. The distance is considerable, especially for some of those in the Belvidere district, and there would doubtless be many days in the winter and spring when it would be impracticable for them to ride to the Village, but we have found it impossible to secure teachers of experience and training to take the schools, and one of them has now been closed since Thanksgiving time except for a few days, and the other will soon be closed probably. It would be far better for the children to go to the Village school and lose several days during the year than to lose several weeks because no teacher can be secured.

I find the work at the Village school well organized and the work of the teachers very commendable, and I would urge that you make every effort to retain them as long as may be possible. They are not only doing the usual work of the school well, but they are exerting an influence on the character of the boys and girls that will produce better citizens and that is the great aim of education today. And in conclusion I would say that the improvements that are contemplated in the school buildings, by providing better sanitary conditions and more cheerful surroundings and more inspiring environment, will have a very great effect on the character of the children also. The state has committed itself to a program of education that is bound to have far reaching results in training the boys and girls who will be its citizens in the future, and we must all stand behind it loyally and earnestly.

I have been greatly helped by the earnest cooperation of your School Board and their interest in carrying on the work of the schools has made the performance of my duties a pleasure.

Respectfully,

VERNON S. AMES.

VITAL STATISTICS

To the Selectmen:

In compliance with an act of the legislature, passed June session, 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report," I hereby submit the following:

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF GILSUM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1919.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition.					Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.							
Mar. 31	Stella T.		F	L	12	W	Isadore Secore	Meline M. Yandow	W	Gilsum	Farmer	Malone, N. Y.	Lion Mtn. N. Y.
May 18	Francis E.	M		"	4	"	Selden B. Lund	Mamie Keith	"	"	"	East Haven, Vt.	Westmoreland
" 23	Frank W.	M		"	9	"	Joseph L. Willett	Jennie M. Lewis	"	"	"	Canada	Winchester
July 16	Earl E.	M		"	3	"	Edward T. Clark	Pearl E. Anderson	"	"	Storekeeper	Hartford, Ct.	S. Manch'er, Ct.
" 21	Rosamond M.		F	"	2	"	Daniel E. O'Neil	Mary E. Conway	"	Keene	Hotelkeeper	Keene	Keene
Sept 16	Louise E.		F	"	1	"	Leon Alexander	Angeline Secore	"	Gilsum	Laborer	Gilsum	Lion Mtn, N Y.
Dec. 4	Ellen L.		F	"	4	"	Carlon D. Wilson	Lena M. Knowlton	"	"	Teamster	West Farley, Vt	Northa'p'n, Ms.
" 13	Isabelle M.		F	"	4	"	Walter G. Wilson	Agnes A. Howard	"	"	Laborer	East Alstead	Gilsum
" 13	Mildred M.		F.	"	1	"	Carroll C Plympton	Lena M. Alexander	"	"	Teamster	Chester, Vt.	East Alstead

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF GILSUM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1919.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Condition.*	Name, Residence and official station of person by whom married.
Mar. 1	Keene	Alexan'er Welcome	Harrisville	30	W	Mill oper'tive	Turners Falls [Ms.	Levi Welcome Rose James	Canada Ludlow, Ms.	1st	Rev. W. O. Conrad Keene
		Alice R. Willett	Gilsum	18	"	Housework	Dublin	Joseph Willett Jessie Lewis	Winchester	1st	
" 2	Gilsum	Leon C. Alexander	"	23	"	Teamster	Gilsum	Geo.C.Alexander StellaI.Carpenter	Gilsum Surry	1st	Rev. Arthur C. Hunt Gilsum
		Angeline M. Secore	"	16	"	Weaver	[N. Y. Lion Mount'n	Isadore Secore Malarrie Jandow	Chataguay,N.Y Lion Mt., N. Y.	1st	
" 3	Keene	Carroll C.Plympton	"	22	"	Lumber mar-	[ker Chester, Vt.	Chas.C.Plympton Rela P. Orkins	Madesboro, Vt. Werrensb'g, NY	1st	Rev. H. S. Mitchell Keene
		Irena M.Alexander	"	19	"	Weaver	East Alstead	Geo.C.Alexander StellaI.Carpenter	Gilsum Surry	1st	
" 21	Gilsum	Wilber C. Bolio	"	21	"	Laborer	Alstead	George E. Bolio Helen G. Smith	Unity Alstead	1st	Rev. Arthur C. Hunt Gilsum
		Mattie J. Fair	Bellows Fls,Vt	18	"	Housework	[Vt. Bellows Falls,	John Fair Marcia Smith		1st	
May 29	Nashua	Harry Phillipson	Gilsum	34	"	Farmer	[Eng. Cattleford,	Harry Phillipson Elizabeth Jones	Lincolnshire,E. " [Scot.	2d	Rev. Law. C. Barbro Nashua
		Lilly Harper	"	33	"	Domestic	[Scot. Aberdeensh'e	Robert Harper Ann Burney	Aberdeenshire, "	1st	
Aug. 25	Gilsum	George Rockwell	"	19	"	Wood worker	Boston, Ms.	Wm. H.Rockwell Isab. McPherson	Maine Nova Scotia	1st	Rev. Aaron W. Field Gilsum
		Helen Chapin	"	16	"	Housework	Sullivan	Wm. H. Chapin Mary Jefts	Westmins'r, Vt. Stoddard	1st	
Nov. 5	Keene	Willie B. Whipple	"	18	"	Laborer	Gilsum	Bradf'd Whipple Ella Howard	Concord, Vt. Gilsum	1st	Rev H. S. Mitchell Keene
		Katie F. Miller	"	18	"	Weaver	Marlow	Perley M. Miller Elizabeth Heath	" Washington	1st	
" 22	Gilsum	David J. Young	"	37	"	Spinner	W. Swanzey	Peter Young Sarah Lewis	Canada "	1st	Rev. W. E. Renshaw Gilsum
		Mary G. Brown	"	23	"	Housework	Franklin	Edward Emerton Minnie Wilson	Lyme Brooklyn, Me.	2d	
" 27	Newfane, Vt.	Tracy G. Bates	"	22	"	Barber	Sullivan	Charles A. Bates Lora J. Davis	Gilsum "	1st	Rev. T. D. Childs Newfane, Vt.
		Hazel A. Adams	Brookline,Vt.	18	"		Brookline, Vt	Frank L.Potwine Jennie Bailey	Amherst, Ms. Newfane, Vt.	2d	

*Whether single or widowed. What marriage—whether 1st, 2d, etc.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF GILSUM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1919.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex & Condition.				Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male.	Female.	Color.	S., M., W.*		Father.	Mother.		
Apr. 10	Louis Lepage	64			Canada	M		W	M	Farmer				
July 16	Earle E. Clark			1	Gilsum	M		W	S		Hartford, Ct.	So. Manchester [Conn.	Edward I. Clark	Pearl E. Anderson
" 31	Henry H. Carter	76	5		Surry	M		W	M	Farmer	Surry		Amos H. Carter	Adeline Divoll

*Single, Married or Widowed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

O. H. HUBBARD, Town Clerk. J. H. LAING, Assistant.

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